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SEABORNE TRADE OF BRITAIN IS MAINTAINED: SUCCESSFUL WORKING OF THE CONVOY SYSTEM

King Is 44 Today



HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI, second son of the late King George V and Queen Mary, will celebrate his 44th birthday today. Born on December 14, 1895. His Majesty, who was formerly the Duke of York, Earl of Inverness and Baron Killarney, K.G., P.C., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., D.C.L., succeeded King Edward VIII (now H.R.H. the Duke of Windsor) to the Throne as King George VI on December 11, 1936. His Majesty returned to London a few days ago after a visit to the British Expeditionary Force in France.

CHAMBERLAIN "SPIES STRANGERS" IN HOUSE

LONDON, DEC. 13 (REUTER)—THE SECRET SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS BEGINS TODAY when, after the usual questions, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain "spies strangers" and moves that they should withdraw.

ANGLO - FRENCH MONETARY AGREEMENT

ACCLAMATION IN PARIS PRESS

PARIS, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The press, without exception, acclaims the Anglo-French monetary agreement as an event of enormous significance.

Yesterday marks a new historic stage in Anglo-French solidarity, observes L'Ordre.

Hopes of driving a wedge between Britain and France must now appear to be quite hopeless, writes Petit Bleu.

The agreement can be regarded as a victory, remarks Petit Parisien.

U. S. WELCOME

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The British-French monetary economic agreement is unanimously welcomed here.

Financiers stress that the agreement will not affect British, French and American monetary accord, and will not hamper American trade.

COLLIER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The English collier Warwick Head, 490 tons, was sunk by a mine off the east coast of England on Tuesday. Six of the crew are missing and the remaining five, including the master, have been sent to hospital.

Fruitless Efforts Of German Propaganda

LONDON, DEC. 13 (BRITISH WIRELESS)—THE REGULAR AND SUCCESSFUL WORKING OF THE CONVOY SYSTEM, TO WHICH THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY RECENTLY REFERRED, CONTINUES TO ENSURE, WITH LITTLE DIMINUTION, THE MAINTENANCE OF BRITAIN'S SEABORNE TRADE.

THE SMOOTHNESS WITH WHICH THE SYSTEM OPERATES, UNDER THE PROTECTION OF POWERFUL UNITS OF THE BRITISH NAVY, IS SUCH THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT ATTRACTS BUT LITTLE ATTENTION IN THE DAILY PRESS. SHIPPING CIRCLES OF NEUTRAL COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS UNSENSATIONAL EVIDENCE OF THE STRENGTH OF THE BRITISH NAVY.

That the safe arrival in convoy of hundreds of British and also of neutral vessels at their destinations has equally impressed Germany is shown by the fruitless efforts of German propaganda to attempt to prove to neutral shipowners that the convoy system is unsafe for their vessels.

The main purpose of this propaganda is, however, well understood for the accompanied ships provide easier mark for torpedoes of German submarines which hesitate to risk the depth charges and other defensive weapons of the vessels escorting the convoy.

The enemy's indiscriminate methods of submarine warfare inevitably claim occasional victims and, in view of the difficulties which merchant vessels experience in maintaining convoy formation in thick weather or in manoeuvring in roadsteads congested by heavy arrivals, accidents are, from time to time, unavoidable.

NAZI RESENTMENT

It is increasingly clear that Germany strongly resents the resort by neutrals to precautions forced upon them including the chartering of ships to the British Government.

Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons of last week, said the fact that the German Navy when driven off the shipping of their declared enemy "consoled themselves by running amok among ships of neutral nations, ought to encourage neutrals to charter

CHINESE CONTINUE THEIR HARASSING ATTACK IN FIGHTING IN KWANGSI

KWEILIN, Dec. 13 (Central)—There has been no major development on the Nanning-Pinyang and Nanning-Wuming highways. Chinese activity has so far been confined to harassing attacks and destruction of Japanese communication lines.

Several attacks have been made against the Japanese north of Yamchow with success. About 500 Japanese were sandwiched in a Chinese pincer movement at Nama and Nanshang last Friday, suffering some 200 casualties.

At Nachien at least 100 Japanese were killed in action and two heavy machine-guns and a number of rifles were seized by the Chinese.

In a clash at Nukang, on the south bank of the Yam River, the Chinese captured a quantity of Japanese equipment.

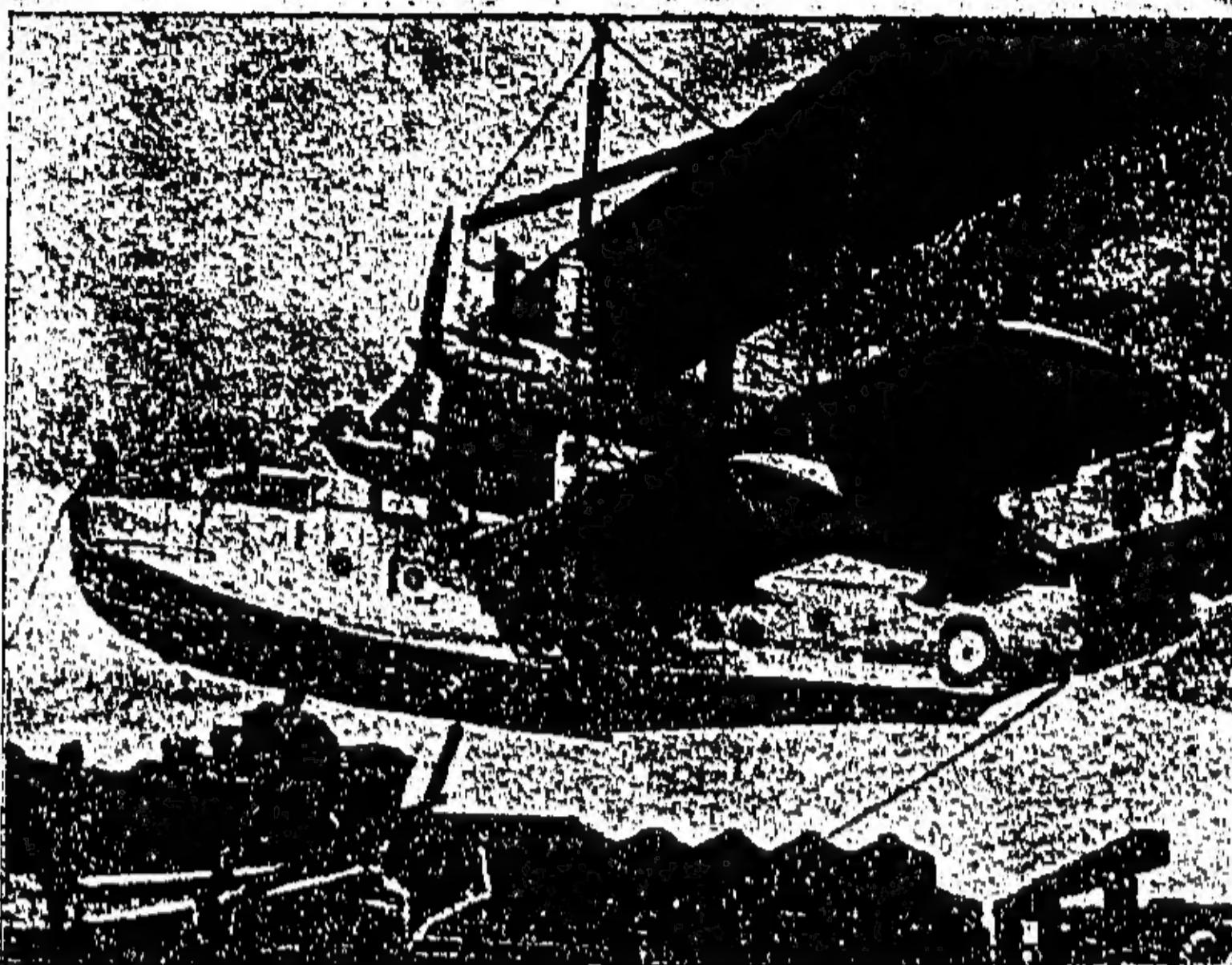
GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

The guerrillas and armed peasants are so actively destroying highways that Japanese units are finding it almost impossible to maintain contact. The Japanese south of the Wat (Yu) River have been commanding Chinese labour to repair the roads without success.

Gen. Huang Hau-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, who yesterday returned to Kweilin from a trip to the front ex-

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WORK OF DESTROYING JAPANESE RAIL COMMUNICATIONS DESCRIBED



One of the big flying-boats of the Coastal Command North Sea patrol. Hunting enemy submarines and convoy work are also included in the duties of these aircraft.

Ninety - Five Locomotives Wrecked

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The work of causing destruction to Japanese railway communications was described by the Commander of the "Railway Destruction Corps" during an interview with pressmen at Loyang recently, says a Chinese message to the Sin Wan Fao.

Between September, 1938, and November, 1939, the Commander revealed the Chinese succeeded in completely destroying 95 locomotives, more than 350 coaches and 18 armoured tanks.

During the same period the Chinese also destroyed 25 bridges spanning railroads, more than 8,000 cables of telegraph wires and removed about 130 kilometres of tracks and 4,000 sleepers.

More than 4,000 Japanese troops have allegedly been wounded and killed as the result of encounters with the Chinese "Railway Destruction Corps," which also claims to have captured large quantities of Japanese arms and munition supplies.

SABOTAGE WORK

LOYANG, Dec. 13 (Central)—Interviewed by the Central News today the commander of a Chinese railway sabotage corps operating in North Hunan revealed that his corps had damaged 95 Japanese locomotives, 350 wagons, 18 armoured cars, 25 bridges, 130 kilometres of railway track and thousands of sleepers and telegraph wires from May, 1938 to November, 1939.

INCIDENT CONSIDERED CLOSED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—Rear-Admiral W. A. Glassford, Commander of the U. S. Yangtze Patrol, declared that he considered the incident on December 8, in which a member of the U. S. Naval Purchasing Office was slapped by members of the Japanese Police, officially closed.

He added that he was gratified that the Japanese authorities explained the matter to the U. S. Consular authorities and expressed regrets over the affair.

NEW GERMAN ATTEMPT TO BLAME BRITAIN

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

BERNE, Dec. 13 (Havas)—Germany has released a new White Paper, consisting of 48 documents, in which Herr von Ribbentrop attempts to prove Britain is exclusively responsible for the present conflict since the Paper says that Britain constantly endeavoured to prevent Germany's struggle to free herself from the Versailles Treaty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—

"The British Admiralty story makes a cockeyed war seem somewhat more cockeyed," writes the New York Daily News on the escape of the Bremen.

The paper adds: "The Bremen will be sent out to feed the Deutschland, the Admiral von Scheer and other German raiders."

"The Admiralty will most likely wonder if it was worth while either as a military advantage or propaganda to treat the Bremen with such courtesy."

MUNICH BOMB: GESTAPO MURDER TO HIDE FACT ELSEWAS AT DAUCHAU

PARIS, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—A report from a high Nazi source from the Swiss-German frontier states that in order to hide the fact that GEORGE ELSEWAS, arrested in connexion with the Munich bomb explosion, was in the Dachau concentration camp from 1937 until after the Munich explosion, the Gestapo executed three of Elsew's companions in the camp, PETERS, BECKER and STETESOLD.

They were reported to have mate of the Dachau concentration camp from 1937 until November 17 was contained in a despatch from the Hungarian-German frontier. The report was stated to come from a high National Socialist source.

In a broadcast the German Freedom Station, addressing Hitler, the Gestapo Chief, said: "You know, as well as we do, that Elsew is not responsible for the Munich explosion. We know the perpetrators."

MASS EXECUTIONS

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The French Radio stated that following wholesale executions in Pomorze, the Gestapo had turned their attention to the district of Poznan where 5,000 were executed.

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In the World of Sports



SOCER REVIEW

DISAPPOINTING MATCH AT CAROLINE HILL

Eastern Had Lucky Escape Against Middlesex

BY "PILAT"

Those who turned up at Caroline Hill expecting to witness a keenly contested game between SOUTH CHINA "A" and KWONG WAH were keenly disappointed as the match was a dull and uninteresting affair.

Both teams seemed to take things easily and never, at any stage of the game, unduly exerted themselves.

Lee Wai-tong returned to lead the attack after his recent injury. Although this brought a noticeable improvement in combination, the forwards, on the whole, still lacked the "old punch."

With Lau Tau-man still in Shanghai Ip Pak-wah was seen in left-wing, a position in which he figured as an Interporter against Shanghai. He played a good game and showed glimpses of his old form.

Mak Shui-hon and Lee Tin-sang were their usual steady selves and had no trouble in checking the opposing forwards.

Kwong Wah made two changes which did not improve the team. Chaw Man-chi, having recovered from an injury, came in at inside-left and Cheuk Shek-kam was moved to right-wing.

The attack showed better combination than the champions but were too erratic in front of goal. Li Yan-leung was the best among the forwards.

LUCKY ESCAPE

EASTERN again had a lucky escape from defeat. Outplayed in all departments of the game they managed to score a last-minute goal and share eight goals with MIDDLESEX.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at **HAPPY VALLEY** on **SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939**, commencing at **2.00 p.m.**

The first Bell will be rung at **1.30 p.m.**

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock Noon.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1939.

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B. T. GOSANO IN FORM

H.K.H.C. HELD BY RECREIO

Hong Kong Hockey Club and Club de Recreio played to a goalless draw in a friendly game at the Club ground, King's Park, yesterday, Recreio having somewhat the better of a scrappy game.

Club, except for their goal-keeper, fielded regular 1st XI team. Recreio, on the other hand, played several non-regulars and reserves. B. T. Gosano, at centre-forward, gave a masterly display and came near to scoring one goal.

The teams:

CLUB: H. W. Brown; V. C. Bond, E. V. Read; H. J. D. Lowe, W. A. Reed, Cdr. J. A. Corrie-Hill; S. A. Fowler, D. de S. Carey, G. E. R. Divett, N. B. M. Whitley, and R. A. Bates.

RECREIO: M. Mendonca; J. Gosano, R. Xavier; J. Goncalves, N. Beltrao, A. M. Alves; R. Soares, P. Ivanovich, B. T. Gosano, S. Sequiera, and J. A. Soares.

The R. A. Cup polo tournament which was to have started yesterday was originally fixed for Saturday, Dec. 9, and was postponed to yesterday as the Sookpoo ground was engaged.

HOCKEY CHATTER

BY "RECORDER"

The Hockey Carnival at King's Park on Sunday afternoon was in more ways than one a great success. Gate receipts did not disappoint and, as far as we can remember, seats were all taken and there were many who paid 50 cents to stand. The charge for admission to standing room though, could have been less, and it would be no exaggeration to state here that quite a few people were turned away by the price who would have come in for 30 or 20 cents.

Several suggestions have been put forward for other representative games, and another such game could, of course, be arranged after Christmas. It must be remembered, though, that two Interport games are tentatively on this year's programme. The Hongkong Ladies Association are to be hosts to the Shanghai Ladies, and Hongkong are to meet Macao in a Men's Interport.

Two of the suggestions put forward do, however, merit some consideration. There has not been a game between Central British School "Past" and Present and Diocesan Girls' School Past and Present, and such an encounter, if it could be arranged, would result in a very interesting game. Such a match, though it would not do so well for a Carnival programme, should interest many girls, and more so now that there are so many graduates from school hockey who are playing their first, second or third year in the Caer Clark Cup with "Y" Ladies, St. Andrew's, or C. B. A. Ladies.

Recreio Ladies, newcomers to the Senior League, have several old D. G. S. girls in their ranks, and Hongkong Ladies are also not without a fair representation of old C. B. S. The Old Girls' Associations of either school would do well to consider the possibility of playing such a game.

A contemporary has already suggested a game between Married Ladies and Single Ladies. Another game that would be fairly representative of all players in Ladies' Hockey locally would be one between Local Schools' Past and Present and the Rest. We have heard it expressed that the Rest would win hands down, and it would be interesting to see if that can be so.

The Hockey Association Tournament made little progress over the week-end, and only one match was played. The Nomads Hockey Club, after having failed to put an appearance against the Police on Friday, met the Royal Corps of Signals at the Radio and Postal Sports Club ground on Sunday morning, winning 4-0.

TOURNAMENT TABLE TO DATE

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Last
R.E. 3 3 0 0 6 2 6					
Radio 2 2 0 0 7 2 4	32.3	1.06.2	1.38		31.3
C.B.A. 1 1 0 0 6 0 2	37.3	1.21.1	1.43		32
K.L.T.C. 1 1 0 0 2 0 2	33.2	1.04	1.322		28.2
Nomads 2 1 0 1 4 2 2	38.2	1.11	1.424	2.12.4	30
Recreio 2 1 0 1 2 6 2	34.2	1.07.4	1.39.2		31.3
Police 3 0 1 2 2 5 1	33.3	1.08	1.41	2.13	32
Signals 4 0 1 3 4 15 1	34.1	1.07	1.39.4		32.1
R.A.O.C. 1 0 1 0 1 0 1	38.2	1.13	1.47.3	2.19.2	31.4
University 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	34.2	1.07.2	1.36.2	2.04	27.3

The University have not started yet on their programme, but will start this coming week-end. We are told they have some 60 or 70

players to choose a team from, and though stronger in attack than defence, are not weak in any department.

Their goal-keeper will be Sen Gupta, with R. S. Gill.

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LEAGUE SOCCER POSTPONED

The First Division soccer match between Middlesex and the Royal Navy which was to have been played at Sookpoo yesterday afternoon was again postponed as the Navy team was unable to play.

It will be recalled that this match was originally fixed for Saturday, Dec. 9, and was postponed to yesterday as the Sookpoo ground was engaged.

Government House Team Lose Again

TAIKOO WIN AT LAWN BOWLS

Visiting Taikoo yesterday afternoon, a team led by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, was defeated by the Taikoo Recreation Club by six shots in a friendly game of lawn bowls.

Scores were as follows:—

His Excellency's team:—W. A. Cornell, Sir Athol MacGregor, J. Deakin and H. E. the Governor (skip); 24; Col. Colin, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, A. C. Milne and E. V. Scarfe (skip) 17; J. A. Fraser, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and T. Robson (skip) 16. Total, 57 shots.

Taikoo R. C.—W. Melrose, J.

Finnie, J. C. Chalmers and W. H.

Lock (skip) 27; W. C. Bovald,

J. J. Whyte, H. O. Gillies and D.

Munro (skip) 21; D. Bone, J. F.

Lawrie, R. Main and R. Wallace (skip) 15. Total, 63 shots.

CANADIAN CHINESE GIRLS RECEIVE FIRST DEFEAT OF SEASON IN POOR SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

Wildcats Run Riot Over Recreio: Tulsa - Recreio Was The Best Game

BY R.O.Y.

In the only interesting clash of a poor programme, the Wahoos struggled through to a 6-4 victory over the Canadian Chinese girls to inflict on the latter their first defeat of the season.

The Maple Leafs were able to connect for only 1 hit off the steady hurling of Therese Noronha and committed seven bobbles to allow the winners their final score on four safeties.

Mary Louie chalked up eight strike-outs for the losers but was let down badly by her team-mates poor support.

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Irene Castillo gave a sparkling display at the Windy Alley, while Rozy garnered three of the winners' hits.

Jean Lee connected for the Canucks while Rene Yuen and Dot Louie were the only defenders to get through without bobbling.

POINTS FORFEITED

The Cubs failed to turn out for their scheduled clash with the Pirates and forfeited the points.

In an even but scrappy played game, the Ball Club girls improved their league position with a close 12-11 win over the luckless Baby Panthers, who were edged out by the winners last inning rally.

Charito Esnail copped batting honours with a double and a pair of singles while Lil Foster helped the winners while Moore and Hoffman did well for the losers.

BEST BALL

The best ball was seen when the Recreio boys tangled with the U.S.S. Tulsa in a friendly, that was won by the Rees, 7 to 6, after an extra stanza.

Spotty Perez, Zinho and Gerry Gosano hit for the winners while Moore and Hoffman did well for the losers.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

LADIES' LEAGUE

Won Lost Ptg.

Canadian Chinese... 3 1 .750

Wahoos ... 3 1 .750

Wildcats ... 3 1 .750

Ball Club ... 3 2 .600

Pirates ... 3 2 .600

Recreio ... 3 2 .600

Cardinals ... 1 3 .250

Baby Panthers ... 1 4 .200

Cubs ... 0 4 .000

MEN'S LEAGUE

Won Lost Ptg.

Recreio "A" ... 4 0 1.000

Canadian Chinese... 4 0 1.000

Ball Club ... 5 1 .833

Chung Hwa ... 3 1 .750

Recreio "B" ... 3 2 .600

International ... 3 3 .500

Mindanao ... 3 3 .500

V.R.C. ... 3 3 .500

Trojans ... 1 2 .333

English Forum ... 1 3 .250

Liga ... 1 3 .250

Filipino Club ... 1 4 .200

C.B.A. ... 1 5 .166

Machine Gunners ... 0 5 .000

D.N.F. D.N.F.

(Maj. G. Alley).

INDIAN SPORTSMAN TO WED

M. EL ARULLI,
CRICKETER,
BASE BALLER

The best wishes of sporting circles, particularly in cricket and baseball, will be extended to Mr. M. El Arculli, the Indian R.C. first eleven batsman and bowler, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Jenny Hamet which will take place on Sunday.

After the ceremony a reception will be held at the Indian Recreation Club at 5 p.m.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hamet and is a popular member of the younger set.</

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COMING EVENTS

DEC.

14-Tides: High 6.16 a.m. and 8.23 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.04 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
Legislative Council: 3.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "No! No! Nanette" 8.30 p.m.
H.K. Chinese Women's Club, Charity Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
University Women Graduates Club Concert in Great Hall (for school children), 6 p.m.
Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Annual Meeting, Jardine, Matheson and Co's office, 5.15 p.m.
First Church of Christ Scientist, Lecture by Mr. Colin Rucker Eddie, H.K. Hotel, 6 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr. Wel Tat "Some More Thoughts on Ancient Chinese Wisdom."
Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning, 10 a.m.; Women's Section Committee Mtg., 10.30 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
Meeting of Court of University of H.K., Fung Ping Shan Chinese Library, 5.30 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Busy Bee Knitting and Bandage Making, Central Fire Station, 9.30 a.m.
Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 3.30 p.m.
Christ Church, Nativity Play Rehearsal, 8.30 p.m.
R.N.Y. Police Recreation Room, Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
First Aid Examination, Y.M.C.A., 10 a.m.
Crown Land Sale at Ping Shan, 11.30 a.m.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd., Third Interim dividend payable on Register at Singapore.

H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Mtg., St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.
Women's Fellowship, St. Andrew's Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Ladies' Bible Study, 2.15, Nathan Road, 10.30 a.m.

Victor Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 6 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 3.30 p.m.
Cathedral Scouts, Bishop's House, 5.30 p.m.
Cathedral Church Council, Cathedral Office, 5.15 p.m.

15-Tides: High 1.37 p.m. and 11.21 p.m.; Low 6.22 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "No! No! Nanette"—8.30 p.m.
Central British Assn. Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
University Women Undergraduates Club Concert in Treast Hall, 8.45 p.m.

H.K. Football Referees Assn. Annual Dinner, Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd., third interim dividend payable.

H.K. Chamber Music Club Concert at Govt. House, 9.30 p.m.
Hep Yunn Girls' School Speech Day, 5.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton, 6 p.m.
Social Evening at Police Recreation Club, Happy Valley, 8.30 p.m.
Servicemen's Dance, S. & S. Home, 8.30 p.m.
Criminal Sessions, Open, 9.30 p.m.
Jumble Sale by Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild, 3 p.m.

16-Tides: High 2.26 p.m. and 11.48 p.m.; Low 6.59 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
H.K. Jockey Club's 13th Extra Meeting, 2 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "No! No! Nanette"—8.30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Girls' College: Sale of Work in aid of War relief and local charities, 11 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. Rehearsal, 8.30 p.m.
Exhibition by Erna Friedlander, St. Andrew's Hall, 9 a.m.—8 p.m.
Choral Recital at Hop Yat Church, 8.30 p.m.

"Family Show" at Chinese Y.W.C.A., 8.15 p.m.

17-Tides: High 8.15 p.m.; Low 7.40 a.m. and 8.35 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
H.K.R.A. Shoot, 9 a.m.

Golf-Club Championship Final, Exhibition by Erna Friedlander, St. Andrew's Hall, 1 p.m.—8 p.m.
Mauricio College of Physical Education: Weight-Lifting Competition, 2.30 p.m.

Caroline Hill: Int'l Charity Soccer, 3.30 p.m.
Softball League.

St. Andrew's Church: Choral Recital.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group: Prof. Forster on "Why Britain is at War," 9 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 8 p.m.
Speaker—Prof. Forster on "Why Britain Is At War."

18—Claims against estate of Thomas Meek and Edward Tucker due.
Cheung Chau: Gai Christmas Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Sandakan Light and Power Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg., Bank of East Asia Bldg., 12 noon.

H.K. Workmen's Society, Annual Meeting, H.K. Hotel, 5.45 p.m.
Busy Bee Working Party—Final Bridge and Mahjongg Drive, Cathedral Hall, 8 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 7 p.m.; Flag Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Vicarage: Meeting to form Winter Food Relief Committee, 8 p.m.

First Aid Examination: St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hrs., 6 p.m.
R.A. Cup Polo, 3.30 p.m.

19—Claims against estate of Gaston Desmille, due.

H.K. Horticultural Society, Annual Mtg., Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Bridge class, 10 a.m.
20—H.K.R.A. Rifle Shoot, 1.45 p.m.
Peak School: Prize Day, 5.15 p.m.
Second set: Third Rounds of Ladies Tennis Championships due to be completed.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 5 p.m.
21—Launching at Kowloon Docks, 5 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club Carnival Dance, 8 p.m.

Cheung Chau Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

Schools' Physical Training Competition, H.K.P.C., 9 a.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Games morning, 10 a.m.
22—Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg.

GENERAL

Radio Programmes

HONGKONG

Z On Wavelengths of 353 metres (845 kc's) 11.45 a.m.
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THE MAGINOT LINE AND OTHER LONDON RELAYS

"Victorian Melodies" 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-

12.30 Military Band Concert including the Alderman Tattoo, 1938.
Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo—Massed Bands of the Alder- and Eastern Commands. All Bands—March—United States Navy Band—American (Thurber)—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Miller (Korjus) (Soprano) and De Groot and His Orchestra.

"Samson and Delilah" — Selection (Saint-Saens); "Louise" — Selection (Charpentier); De Groot and His Orchestra. Funicul-Funicul (Zarzuela) — Miller (Korjus) (Soprano) with Orchestra and Chorus. Evensong (Easthope Martin); Desert Song—Waltz (De Groot and The Piccolo Orchestra). Invitation to the Dance (Weber)—Miller (Korjus) (Soprano) with Orchestra. Chanson Bohemienne (Boldi); Destiny (Baynes)—De Groot and His Orchestra.

1.10 Reuter and Rugby Press Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 London Piano-Accordéon Band and Sam Browne (Vocal).

One Night In Monte Carlo (Lewis and Others); There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods)—London Piano-Accordéon Band with Vocal Chorus. I'm Still High On A Hill Top (film "Thanks a Million"); My Shadow's Where My Sweetheart Used to Be (Iida and Carr)—Sam Browne with Orchestra. Sir Hit Medley—Intro: Roll Along Prairie Moon; Gift With Dreamy Eyes; My Dance Easter Parade; Dancing With My Shadow; She Wore a Little Jacket of Blue—London Piano-Accordéon Band with Vocal Chorus.

2.15 Close down.

2.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

3.45 Some Welsh Songs.

The Prality of Life (Nantglyn); The Blacksmith's Song (Birchthog)—William Edwards (Tenor) with Harp accom., by Telwyns Gwynnyll. The little thatched cottage (arr. Osborne Roberts); David of the White Rock (arr. Osborne Roberts)—Lelia Megan (Vocal) with The Rhythm Sisters (Hawaiian Paradise (Owens); Dream Time (Davis and Coots) — London Piano-Accordéon Band with Vocal Chorus.

4.15 Studio—Background to the News.

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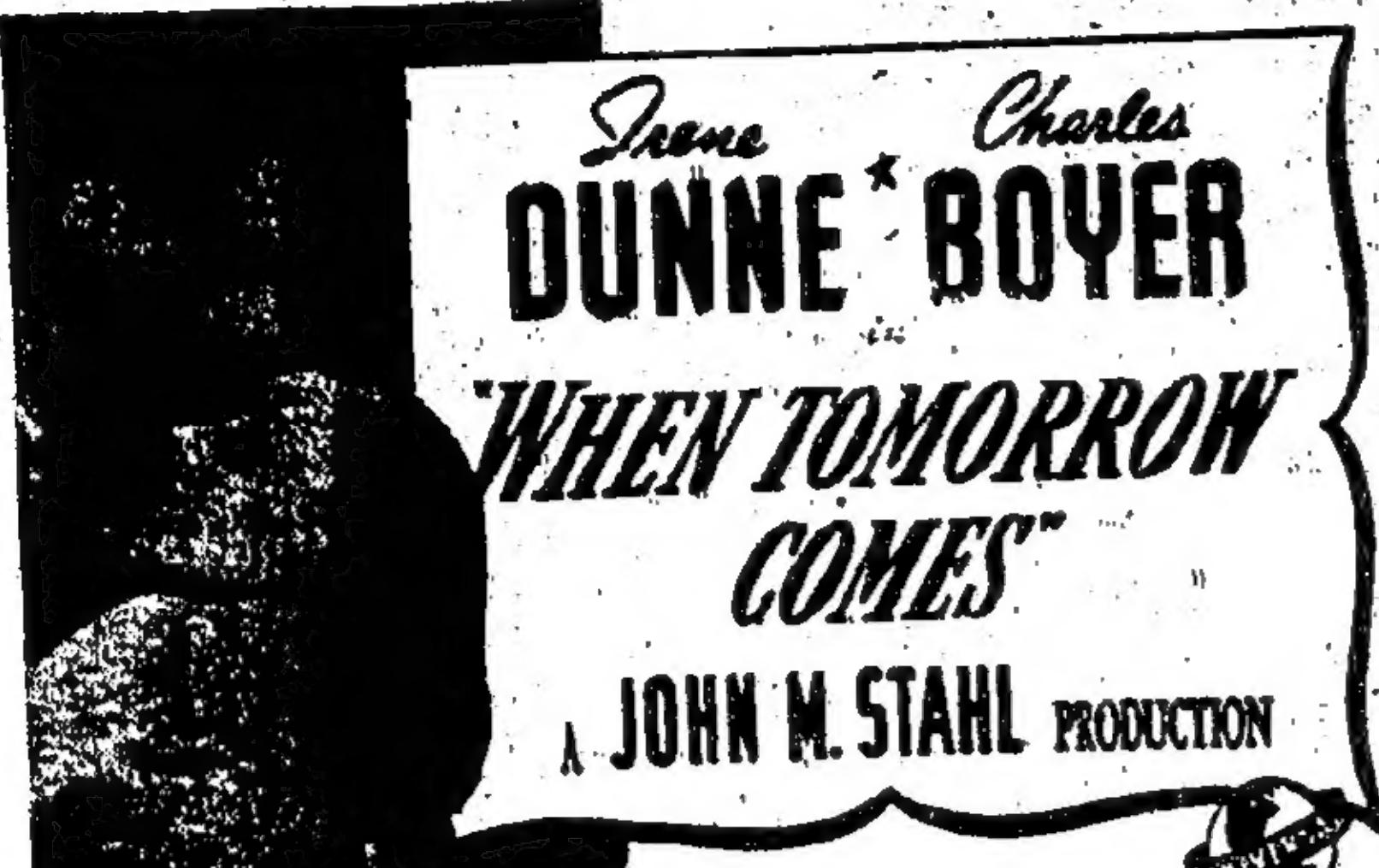
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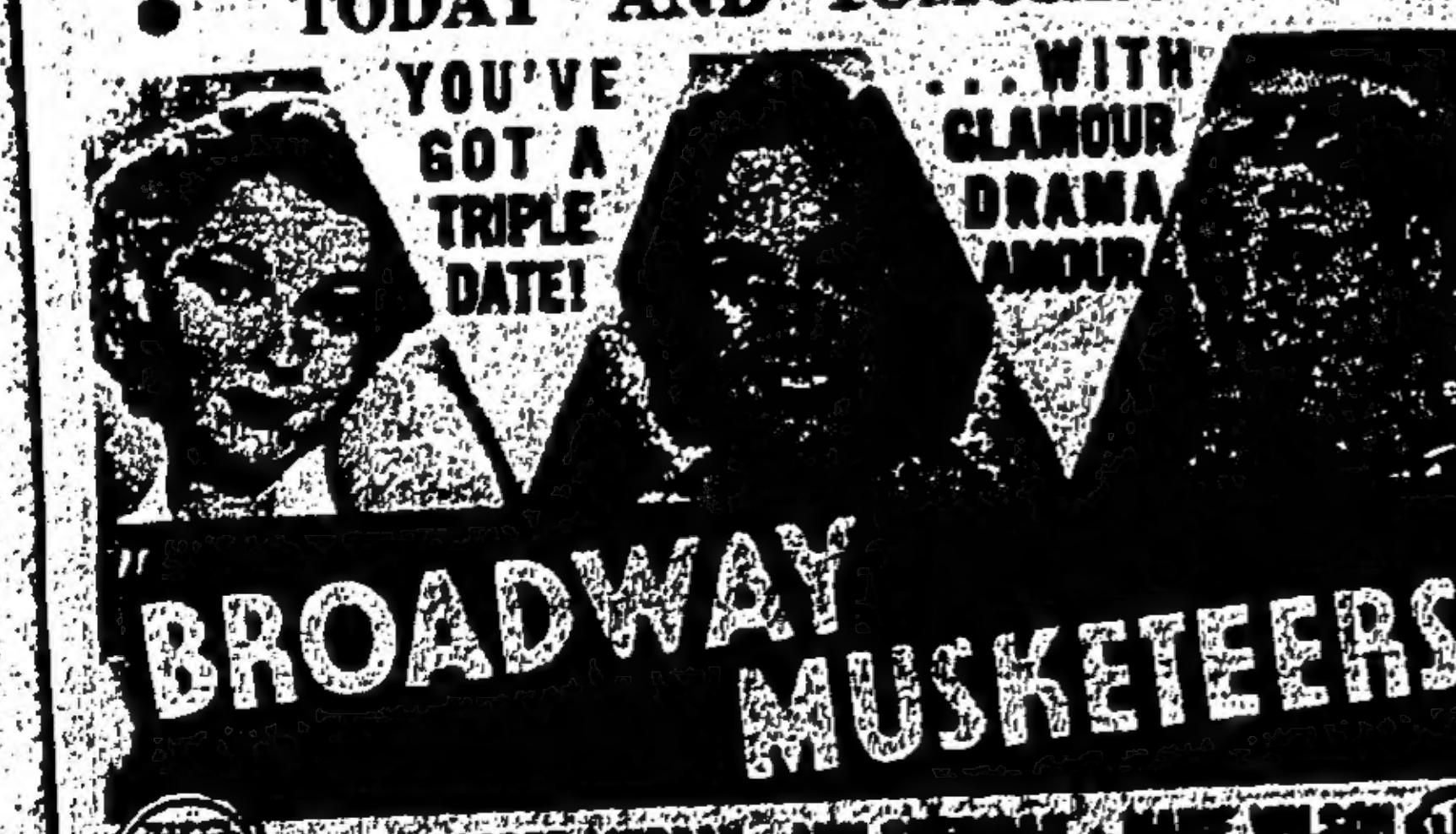


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COMING EVENTS

DEC.
14—Tides: High 6.16 a.m. and 12.13 p.m. Low 1.07 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.34 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
Legislative Council, 2.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "No! No! Nanette," 9.30 p.m.
H.K. Chinese Women's Club, Char-
ity Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
University Women Graduates Club
Concert in Great Hall (for school
children), 6 p.m.
Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Annual
Meeting, Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s
office, 8.15 p.m.
First Church of Christ Scientist,
Lecture by Mr. Colin Rucker Edison,
H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr.
Wei Tat "Some More Thoughts on
Ancient Chinese Wisdom."
Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning, 10 a.m.;
Women's Section Committee Mtg.,
10.30 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
Meeting of Court of University of
H.K., Fung Ping Shan Chinese Li-
brary, 5.30 p.m.
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.)
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Busy Bees Knitting and Bandage
Making, Central Fire Station, 9.30
p.m.
Cathedral Women's Fellowship
Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 3.30
p.m.
Christ Church, Nativity Play Re-
hearsal, 8.30 p.m.
R.N.Y. Police Recreation Room,
Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
First Aid Examination, Y.M.C.A., 10
a.m.
Crown Land Sale at Ping Shan,
11.30 a.m.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co.
Ltd., Third Interim dividend payable
on Register at Singapore.
H.K. Y.M.C.A. Club, Tiffin Mtg. St.
Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.
Women's Fellowship, St. Andrew's
Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Ladies' Bible Study, 216 Nathan
Road, 10.30 a.m.
Victoria, Chess Club, Gloucester Ho-
tel, 5 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Ho-
tel, 5.30 p.m.
Cathedral Scouts, Bishop's House,
8.30 p.m.
Cathedral Church Council, Cath-
edral Office, 5.15 p.m.
15—Tides: High 1.57 p.m. and 11.21
a.m.; Low 6.22 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.34 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "No! No! Nanette,"
9.30 p.m.
Central British Assn. Dance, Penin-
sula Hotel, 9 p.m.
University Women Undergraduates
Club Concert in Great Hall, 4.45 p.m.
H.K. Football Referees Assn. An-
nual Dinner, Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co.
Ltd., third interim dividend payable.
H.K. Chamber Music Club Concert
at Govt. House, 8.30 p.m.
Happy Yunn Girls' School Speech
Day, 8.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Badminton, 6 p.m.
Social Evening at Police Recreation
Club, Happy Valley, 8.30 p.m.
Servicemen's Dance, S. & S. Home,
8.30 p.m.
Criminal Sessions Open, 9.30 p.m.
Jumble Sale by Kowloon Union
Church Women's Guild, 3 p.m.
16—Tides: High 2.26 p.m. and 11.43
p.m.; Low 6.58 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.34 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
H.K. Jockey Club's 18th Extra
Meeting, 2 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "No! No! Nanette,"
9.30 p.m.
St. Stephen's Girls' College: Sale of
Work in aid of War relief and local
charities, 11 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. Rehearsal, 8.30
p.m.
Exhibition by Erne Freedlander, St.
Andrew's Hall, 9 a.m.—6 p.m.
Choral Recital at Hop Fat Church,
8.30 p.m.
"Family Show" at Chinese Y.W.
C.A., 8.15 p.m.
17—Tides: High 3.15 p.m.; Low 7.44
a.m. and 6.31 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.34 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
H.K.R.A. Shoot, 9 a.m.
Golf-Club Championship Final
Exhibition by Erne Freedlander, St.
Andrew's Hall, 1 p.m.—6 p.m.
Mauricio College of Physical
Education: Weight-Lifting Competi-
tion, 2.30 p.m.
Caroline Hill: Int'l Charity Soccer,
3.30 p.m.
Softball League
St. Andrew's Church: Choral Re-
cital.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, Prof.
Forster on "Why Britain Is At War,"
8 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, P.W.D., 3 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 9 p.m.
Speaker: Prof. Forster on "Why Brit-
ain Is At War."

18—Claims against estate of Thomas
Meek and Edward Tucker due,
Cheviot Club, Gala Christmas Dance,
8.30 p.m.
Sandakan Light and Power Co.
Ltd., Annual Mtg., Bank of East Asia
Bldg., 12 noon.
H.K. Yorkshiresmen's Society, An-
nual Meeting HK Hotel, 5.45 p.m.
Busy Bees Working Party, Final
Bridge and Mahjongg Drive, Cath-
edral Hall, 1 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 10 a.m.; A.D.C.
Rehearsal, 4 p.m.; Whist Drive,
8.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Vicarage: Meeting to
form Winter Food Relief Committee,
8 p.m.
First Aid Examination, St. John's
Ambulance Brigade H.Q., 8 p.m.
R.A. Cup Polo, 2.30 p.m.
19—Claims against estate of Gaston
Desmoulins due.
H.K. Horticultural Society, Annual
Mtg., Jardine Matheson Ward Room,
11.30 a.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Bridge class, 10 a.m.
20—H.K.R.A. Big Shoot, 1.45 p.m.
Peak School, 1.45 p.m.—7.15 a.m.
Second Interim dividend of Ladies
Tennis Championship, 1.45 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Rehearsal, 4 p.m.; Whist
Drive, 8.30 p.m.

21—Crown Land Sale at Ping Shan,
11.30 a.m.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co.
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23—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.
24—Christian Day.
International Soccer.
25—Christmas Day.
International Soccer.
26—Boxing Day.
RE.O.C.A. "Vandy Dress" Dance
Peninsula Hotel.
Panting Hunt and Race Club Meet-
ing at Kwai Tsing.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. and 8
p.m.
H.K.C.S.C.—Prize-Giving & Chil-
dren's Sports, 4 p.m.
30—Claims against estate of Loung
Chan Tak Yau due.

31—New Year's Eve.
Football Shield, First Round.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr.
Peter Chen "The Birth of Nations."

1—New Year's Day.
Football Shield, Second Round.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.
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2—New Year's Day.
Football Shield, Third Round.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr.
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3—New Year's Day.
Football Shield, Fourth Round.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr.
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4—New Year's Day.
Football Shield, Fifth Round.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr.
Peter Chen "The Birth of Nations."

5—New Year's Day.
Football Shield, Sixth Round.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr.
Peter Chen "The Birth of Nations."

6—New Year's Day.
Football Shield, Seventh Round.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr.
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Orchestra. Tango—Twilight: Single
Bell—Bob's Argentine Tango Or-
chestra. For You—You Were There
(from "To-night at 8.30")—The Phoenix
Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News
8.30 Local Time Signal—Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.45 Glasenow—Stamps Radio
Orchestra of the Brussels Royal

Conservatoire.

8.17 Studio—A Bach and cigar
Programme by Peter Gracey (Piano).

8.45 Studio—Talk on "An English-
man's Impressions of Chongking."

8.55 Songs by Keith Falkner (Bar-
itone).

A Song Doesn't Care (film "Mayfair
Melody"). Without the Moon (film
"Mayfair Melody"); San Diego Betty
(film "Mayfair Melody")—with Orches-
tra and Chorus.

8.15 London Relay—News Summary.

8.30 B.B.C. Recording—"Victorian
Melodies."

Musical Sequence of Old Favourites
Produced and conducted by Stanford
Robinson.

10.30 London Relay—"The Maginot
Line."

A feature programme of troops on
the Western Front.

11.00 London Relay—"Background
to News."

11.15 Close down.

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LONDON, Dec. 12 (B.W.S.)—THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR JOHN SIMON, SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FRENCH MINISTER OF FINANCE, A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ARRIVED AT BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND FRENCH TREASURIES, WHICH WILL SECURE, IN THE FIELD OF FINANCE, CO-OPERATION WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THAT ALREADY ANNOUNCED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE SUPREME WAR COUNCIL IN OTHER FIELDS OF ACTIVITY.

SUMMARISING SOME OF THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE AGREEMENT, IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WAS IN THE COMMON INTEREST TO AVOID, DURING THE WAR, ALTERATIONS IN THE EXISTING RATE OF EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE POUND AND THE FRANC.

MUTUAL ARRANGEMENTS

THEY HAD FURTHER MADE MUTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL ENABLE EACH COUNTRY TO COVER ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CURRENCY OF THE OTHER COUNTRY AS AGREED WITHOUT ANY QUESTION. THUS STERLING HELD BY THE FRENCH MONETARY AUTHORITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE THROUGHOUT THE STERLING AREA, AND FRANC HELD BY THE UNITED KINGDOM MONETARY AUTHORITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE THROUGHOUT THE FRENCH EMPIRE.

RAISING OF LOANS

NEITHER GOVERNMENT WOULD RAISE A FOREIGN LOAN OR CREDIT EXCEPT IN AGREEMENT WITH, OR JOINTLY WITH, THE OTHER. NEITHER GOVERNMENT WOULD IMPOSE FRESH RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM THE OTHER COUNTRY DURING THE WAR FOR PROTECTIVE PURPOSES OR FOR EXCHANGE REASONS.

THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD SHARE CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED IN A COMMON CAUSE, SUCH AS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THEIR POLISH ALLY.

British Home Topics Under Comment

ART & EDUCATION NECESSARY

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—WRITING ON HOME TOPICS, THE DAILY HERALD WELCOMES THE WORK OF THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EMERGENCY COUNCIL, WHICH WILL ENDEAVOUR TO KEEP GOING THOSE CONNECTED WITH VARIOUS ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

"ART AND EDUCATION ARE NOT LUXURIES," SAYS THE PAPER. "THEY ARE NECESSITIES AND PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS WHICH GIVE A MEANING TO OUR LIVES AND TO THE CAUSE IN WHICH WE ARE FIGHTING."

THE DAILY EXPRESS WANTS THE SHOPPING HOURS EXTENDED AND MORE LIGHT DURING THE BLACK-OUT, WHILE THE DAILY MAIL WELCOMES THE SCHEME TO MAKE BRITISH DOCUMENTARY FILMS AS "AT LAST" A SYSTEMATIC PLAN TO COUNTER NAZI SCREEN PROPAGANDA.

COLONY HEALTH

Twenty-three cases of tuberculosis, four cases of diphtheria, one case of syphilis, and one case of enteric fever were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 13.

CROSSWORD NO. 486

ACROSS

1	Chess pieces	12	Encouraged
5	Team	13	Level
8	Choice	14	Well-managed
9	Rascal	15	Dishonest
10	Din	16	Overwhelm
11	Paper money	17	Oak fruit
12	Tatler	18	Siam
15	Anxious	19	Dedicated
18	Limb	20	Of the moon
20	Frank	21	Kindly
21	Strength	22	Conqueror
22	Absent	23	Meaning
24	Beginning	24	Expiring
27	Wastrel	25	Show
30	Bird	26	Didah
31	Perfume	27	Stilly
32	Imagination	28	Duck
33	Don	29	On in front
34	Bos	30	Bird of prey
35	Coppers	31	Wise
36	Rustle	32	Conquer
37	DOWN	33	Encouraged
38	Sea towns	34	Meaning
39	Bed	35	Well-managed
40	Lay out	36	Dishonest
41	card	37	Overwhelm

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The Entertainment Committee, of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Hobbs (c/o Royal Naval Hospital, Wan-chai) are organising various events for the purpose of collecting money in aid of the Fund.

Advertisements appearing in the Press, or on posters or tickets to the effect that the proceeds of certain entertainments, Bazaars, etc., would be donated, partly or fully, to the British War Organisation Fund should kindly be submitted, in the first instance, to the office of the Hon. Secretary, c/o Government House.

The Committee for the Fund are deeply appreciative of all such kind and generous efforts and sincerely trust that Entertainment Organisations will conform to these requirements.

H.K. CHINA FILM EDUCATION ASSN.

The Hongkong branch of the China Film Education Association was formally organised at a meeting of educational and movie leaders at the St. Francis Hotel on Tuesday.

Those present included Messrs Lo Ming-yu, Lo Chink-yu, Kuo Shao-hua, Ma Cheng-yuk, Chien Ya-wei, Miss Lin Cho-chun, and Miss Irene Ho. Mr. Wang Tanx preceded.

The formation of a Film Education Association was the idea of the League of Nations. The organisation has appeared in many countries. The China association was formed several years ago. Under its establishment of the Hongkong branch was Mr. Lo Ming-yu, who was entrusted with the mission by the Chinese government.



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Cheng Cheung-iai, nephew of Cheng Kwoi-yan and a member of a well-known Hongkong family, who was spirited away a few weeks ago in mysterious circumstances and for whose release a ransom of a million dollars was demanded, returned to Hongkong recently.

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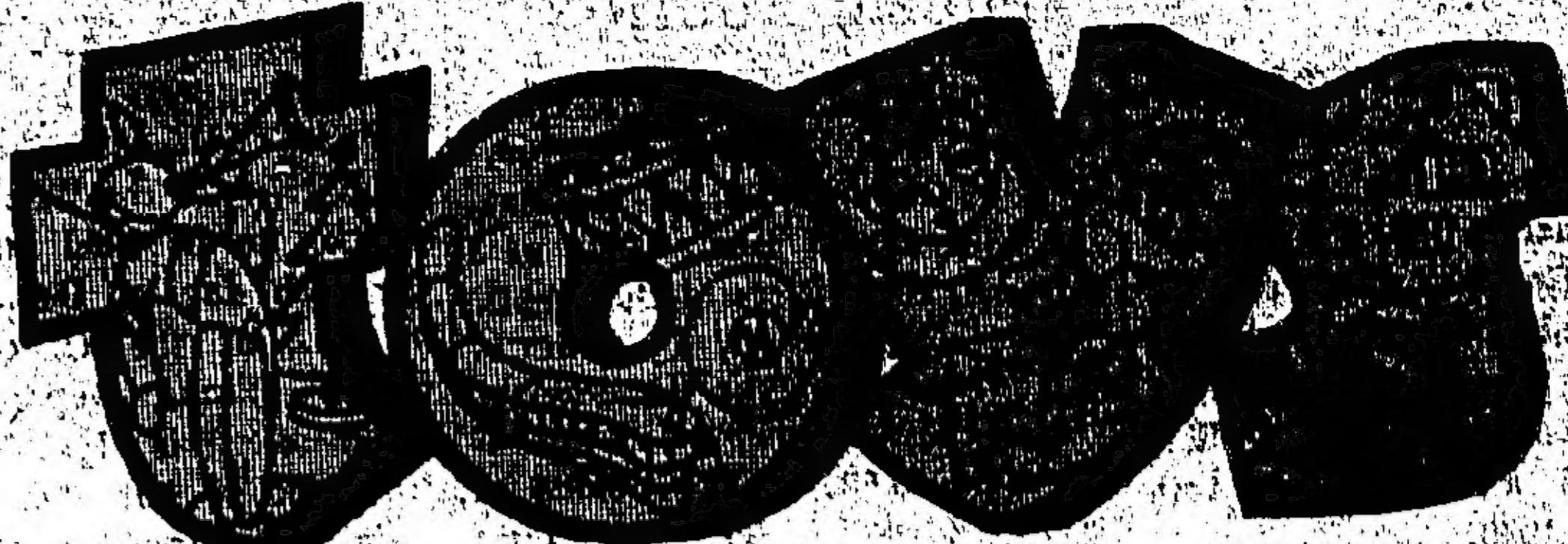
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B.W.O.F. ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee, of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Hobbs (c/o Royal Naval Hospital, Wan-chai) are organising various events for the purpose of collecting money in aid of the Fund.

Advertisements appearing in the Press, or on posters or tickets to the effect that the proceeds of certain entertainments, Bazaars, etc., would be donated, partly or fully, to the British War Organisation Fund should kindly be submitted, in the first instance, to the office of the Hon. Secretary, c/o Government House.

The Committee for the Fund are deeply appreciative of all such kind and generous efforts and sincerely trust that Entertainment Organisations will conform to these requirements.

H.K. CHINA FILM EDUCATION ASSN.

The Hongkong branch of the China Film Education Association was formally organised at a meeting of educational and movie leaders at the St. Francis Hotel on Tuesday.

Those present included Messrs. Lo Ming-yu, Lo Ching-yu, Kuo Shao-hwa, Ma Chung-ying, Chien Yu-wen, Miss Lin Chu-chu and Miss Irene Ho. Mr. Wang Tang presided.

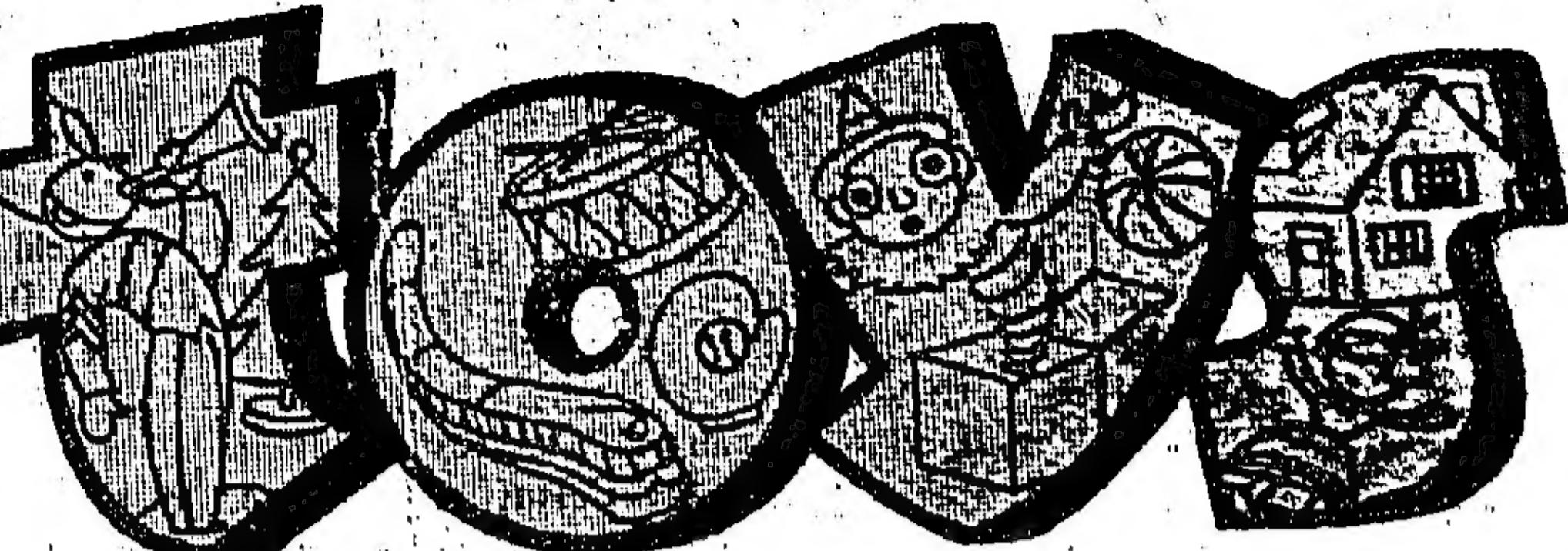
The formation of a Film Education Association was the idea of the League of Nations. The organisation has appeared in many countries. The China association was formed several years ago.

Credit for the establishment of the Hongkong branch goes to Mr. Lo Ming-yu, who was entrusted with the mission by the China association.

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On a charge of simple larceny of four fish from a man named Ng Fu, at Tai O, on Dec. 9, an Indian police constable, Mangha Khan, 39, L.S.B. 399, appeared before Mr. E. Hinsworth, at the Kowloon Court yesterday. Bail of \$100 was allowed, a refund of three days being granted.

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H.K. HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) on Tuesday the 19th December, 1939, at 5.15 p.m.

J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th Dec., 1939.

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FOURTH INTERIM DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a FOURTH INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 29th February, 1940, of two per cent, that is \$2.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Wednesday, the 20th December, 1939, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 19th December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
FUNG PING FAN,
Director & Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1939.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of Dec., 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	No. of Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
N.	S.	E.	W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.
Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4210	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3090, Rowan City Road, To Kwa Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 92 ft. 7 in. x 47 ft. 3 in.	92	8	8
				47 ft. 3 in.		

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

FAILS

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of Dec., 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land near Diamond Hill, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2748	South West of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1390, near Diamond Hill.	As per sale plan.	About 10 ft. 10 in. x 26 ft. 10 in.	10	8	8
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Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply, speaking during a visit to a munitions works, said that at no time had the might of the British Empire been greater or its fighting forces better and more adequately equipped. From Sept. 3 to Dec. 5, the Ministry had placed new orders amounting £200,000,000. Britain now had the most powerful Air Force in the world.—(Reuters).

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 14, 1939

SEIZURE OF
REICH EXPORTS

(Contributed)

TO THE CONTROVERSY regarding the legality of the British detention of German exports, the Ministry of Economic Warfare contributes an explanation of why the Admiralty was entitled to take this step.

GERMANY, IT IS STATED, contends that the Allied action in detaining her exports is illegal, and she cites amongst other things the Declaration of Paris of 1856.

One article of this Treaty provided that enemy goods might not be seized on neutral ships unless they were contraband, and enemy exports are not contraband. But Germany herself has violated this Treaty for she has repeatedly sunk neutral ships regardless of what goods they were carrying.

ANOTHER ARTICLE provided that non-contraband neutral goods were to be immune from seizure even in an enemy ship. Germany has violated this Article too for she has sunk numerous British ships regardless of whether they carried neutral goods. Germany destroys the goods irrespective of their liability to seizure, and she destroys the ships as well even if they are neutral. She is not therefore entitled to claim the observance of the Treaty from this country.

THE ACTION of H.M. Government against German exports is admittedly an act of reprisal. This being so, it is beside the point to discuss whether or not it would have been justifiable on the basis of ordinary legal principle. It is justifiable as a reply to prior German illegalities and is based on the established right of a belligerent to take reprisals if the enemy acts illegally.

GERMANY IS TRYING by illegal submarine and mine action to cut off all British commerce and Britain is consequently entitled, so far as it can, to cut off all hers. The action is directed solely against German commerce. That it affects neutrals is much to be regretted but cannot prejudice its legality as an act of reprisals.

IT MAY BE NOTED that the German action is far more violent and ruthless in its effects on neutrals. Their ships are sunk, their goods irretrievably lost, and worse than all, the lives of innocent beings are sacrificed.

THE DOCTRINE OF REPRISALS is very ancient. It derives from the Roman "lex talionis." A celebrated example of its application occurred during the Napoleonic Wars when Bonaparte illegally purported, by the Berlin Decrees, to forbid all neutrals to trade with England. Britain replied by Orders in Council which had the object of cutting off all enemy commerce.

A SITUATION similar to the present one arose in the last war when illegal German submarine and mine action was answered by an Order in Council dated March, 1915, and another dated February, 1917, cutting off German sea borne exports.

It was learned late last night that Chen Chi-cho, 23, the soldier who escaped from Matauchung Internment Camp in the early hours of yesterday morning has not voluntarily returned, nor has he been found and taken again in custody. Chen's actual escape was not seen.

EDITORIAL
Application
To File An
Alternative
Defence

At the resumed hearing at the Supreme Court yesterday of the alleged fraudulent mortgage case, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., for the defence, made an application to file an alternative defence.

The action, which is being heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, has been brought by Chan Ful-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nin who allege that two mortgages in respect of No. 300 Des Voeux Road Central and No. 92 Wing Lok Street had been fraudulently executed by a clausman named Chan Chung-wah without their knowledge or consent and seek for a declaration by the court that the signatures are forgeries.

Plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. and the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr. instructed by Mr. C. D'Almada. Defendant, Yung Kal-sun, is represented by Mr. Sheldon and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson.

After several witnesses had testified that third plaintiff was Chan Kwok-nin and that Chan Chung-wah and Chan Kwok-nin were different persons, Mr. Sheldon said that the defence would be that the third plaintiff was not Chan Kwok-wah but fraudulently impersonated him.

Leave was granted to Mr. Potter to reply to the application today.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1939



Dancers, in picturesque Chinese costume, who will appear at the charity ball, organised by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club, at the Peninsula Hotel tonight.

CHINA WAR

NEWS

Continued from Page 1

FOURTHLY, more guerrilla bands should be organised.

HEAVY CASUALTIES

CHANGHUA, HUNAN, Dec. 13 (Central)—Heavy casualties were inflicted by Japanese aircraft on Yenki, a town on the west bank of the Tschubu River, in Hunan, during an air raid on Monday.

Over 10 demolition and incendiary bombs were dropped by the raiders.

SWEEPING SUCCESS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 13 (Central)—Sweeping successes were scored yesterday by Chinese troops in simultaneous counter-offensives in North Hunan, South Hupeh and North Kiangsi, according to military advices.

TSUNG-YANG RECAPTURED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 13 (Central)—Describing the Chinese recapture of Tsungyang, Japanese base of operations, in South Hupeh, yesterday, a dispatch from Pingkang states that three Chinese columns swooped down on the city at 2 a.m. Serious fighting took place in the southeastern outskirts.

60 NEWSPAPERS

Large numbers of Nazi-financed newspapers are to be found in the Danubian and Balkan countries and these papers, although they have small circulations and poor advertising, miraculously manage to put up large buildings and purchase expensive printing equipment. There are over 60 of them.

Although the German Travel Agency in that area is not a busy place, it employs some 600 people.

TANCHENG RETAKEN

SOMEWHERE IN SHANTUNG, Dec. 13 (Central)—Tancheng, historic 2000 year-old walled city on the South Shantung border, 87 miles northeast of Hsichow, has been recovered by Chinese units.

Owing to pressure of space the continuation of the complete manifesto of the Sixth Plenary Session of the C.C.C. of the Kuomintang is held over.

FIVE MAIN GROUNDS

The lecturer proceeded to enumerate the five main grounds upon which a prize court would make a decree of condemnation. Firstly, if the subject matter was enemy property; secondly, if it was contraband; if it was engaged in unneutral service; fourthly, if it was engaged in trading with the enemy and, fifthly, if it was engaged in violating a blockade.

After discussing the Repairs Order and its relationship to the subject of blockade, the lecturer dealt finally with the question of the proceeds of prizes. Originally all prizes belonged to the Crown, but they were not divided into Divts of Admiralty and Dots of the Crown. The proceeds of former were paid into the Imperial Exchequer and became part of the Consolidated Fund, whereas the latter, according to the practice introduced in the last war, were paid into the Naval Prize Fund and divided among the officers and men of the Royal Navy.

DOWN FROM SHANGHAI

A Dutch steamer travelled the well-known and popular Mr. Lee Hollingsworth, representative of National Carbon Co. Business brings this Northern resident to our city.

Mr. C. E. Edison, who lately arrived from Honolulu by Pan American Clipper, and who has been seeing Shanghai, returned to our city. He is scheduled to give several lectures on Christian Science before he departs.

Another visitor many local residents were happy to greet was Mr. H. B. Howard, of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Shanghai.

Miss E. M. Hinder, connected with the S.M.C. Industrial Section, Shanghai, is visiting in our city.

On board and sailing south when the Dutch steamer left yesterday was Miss Joan Wyatt-Smith, daughter of the British Consul in Manila. This charming and popular young lady had a great visit in Hongkong.

Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Wang were also en route to Manila. They had a large number of friends to wish them "bon voyage."

Mr. J. L. Bledsoe and Mr. L. Biell were two other passengers from Hanoi. Four Chinese passengers also arrived.

Mail loads, particularly inward on the Air France planes, seem to

The Law Of
Maritime
Capture

An engrossing and comprehensive paper entitled "The Law of Maritime Capture" was read yesterday evening by Mr. John Whyatt to the Hongkong Law and Commerce Society, in the University Union Assembly Room.

The lecturer began by emphasizing the distinction between enemy property at land and enemy property at sea. He said the distinction was of fundamental importance since, according to international law, enemy property on land could not be confiscated whereas enemy property at sea or within the precincts of a port could be seized and condemned as prize.

The law of prize could be defined as the right of a belligerent to capture ships or goods at sea. By the maritime law of nations, universally and immemorially received, there was an established method of determining whether a capture was lawful or not; in every case there had to be a regular judicial proceeding and condemnation decreed according to the law of nations.

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FINNS STRENGTHENING DEFENCES FOR COUNTER-STROKE ON PETSAMO FRONT

Russian Holiday May Be Zero-Hour For New Offensive

HELSINKI, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—THE FINNS ARE HASTILY STRENGTHENING THEIR DEFENCE LINE AND ARE ALSO UNDERSTOOD TO BE PLANNING A COUNTER-STROKE BY POURING VERY HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS INTO THE PETSAMO FRONT.

THE OBJECT OF THIS, ACCORDING TO NEUTRAL OBSERVERS, IS PARTLY TO DIVERT THE FORCE OF THE RUSSIAN ATTACK AND PARTLY TO THREATEN THE MURMANSK RAILWAY.

At present there is little indication when this offensive may be expected. One theory is that today, a Russian holiday, may be zero-hour.

Circles here think that the Red Army will wait until the ice on the lakes is thick enough to bear tanks and mechanised transport.

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—Finnish observers are gradually coming to the conclusion that the Russians at present have only third rate soldiers in the field, and it is thought that Moscow Commanders, finding that they greatly underestimated the strength of the Finnish resistance, have now decided to bring up their first class reserves.

CENTRE OF FIGHTING

Meanwhile, the centre of gravity of the fighting suddenly shifted from the Karelian Isthmus to the Centre of Finland, where the Russians are trying to drive a wedge to split the country in half.

Very heavy fighting is proceeding on the whole front around the pleasure resort of Siemussalmi and further north, near Kuola-Jaervi, the Russians are reported to have very large force here and the Finns rushing up reinforcements.

It is officially reported that Finnish planes yesterday bombed and destroyed twelve miles of railway on the outskirts of Murmansk.

Finnish Communiqué:

Attacks Repulsed

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—A Finnish Communiqué states that there is severe fighting along the whole line of the Karelian Isthmus, and that it is especially fierce in Muola Village. The enemy made several attacks and all were repulsed.

The enemy left hundreds of dead in the Finnish front lines.

Several enemy tanks were destroyed and the enemy made several attempts to break through the Eastern frontier.

A great battle was fought at Tolvakaesi, where Finnish troops captured 52 machine-guns and other war material. Three battalions of enemy infantry were annihilated and several tanks put out of action. Enemy attacks in Lillimola, supported by heavy artillery, were repulsed.

NORTHERN SECTOR

Fighting continues in the northern sector of the Eastern Front.

Enemy planes bombed Eymosalmi and some islands in the Gulf of Finland without result, while the Finnish Air Force bombed and machine-gunned enemy lines and marching columns of troops.

Italy's Interest

In Fighting

ROME, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—Rome circles are following the fighting in Finland with great interest.

It is stated here that the Soviet attack has been extended over the whole of the Eastern Front and that the fighting has been most violent during the past twenty-four hours.

A Helsinki official announcement states that so far three out four Soviet casualties have been caused by cold and exposure.

GREETING LETTER TELEGRAMS

Messrs. Cable and Wireless Ltd. announce that G. L. T. Services will be admitted with Canada, India and Burma as from today, Dec. 14. The inclusion of these countries now completes the G. L. T. Scheme with all parts of the Empire.

Telegrams relating to family news, social matters or personal affairs are accepted in the G. L. T. Service. The rate is 3d for a minimum of twelve words and additional words in proportion.

British Press Advises Against Hasty Action By Allies In Geneva

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—Although Moscow was given until 10 a.m. today to reply to the League's telegram, owing to the uncertainty about the time of its receipt in the Soviet capital, according to a Paris radio message, the Russian reply has already been received in Geneva.

The reply rejects the League's appeal for the cessation of hostilities against Finland.

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The British press is principally taken up with the League Assembly at Geneva.

While the justice of Finland's appeal is fully recognized, there are serious misgivings as to whether the League will be able to take effective action.

TWO GREAT POWERS

The News-Chronicle stresses the fact that Britain and France today are the only two great powers in Geneva and they are fully engaged in a major war. Smaller nations could expect no similar assistance if they got into trouble over the application of sanctions. Many of the smaller nations too are primarily concerned with maintaining their own neutrality.

TIME UNFAVOURABLE

The Daily Telegraph feels that there is hardly a less favourable time for the exercise of the League's authority. But the root of the trouble lies not in Moscow, but in Berlin. Severe that root and the offshoots will weaken.

The Allies are doing the world's work and they will be wise if they do not allow any resolution which the League, in its righteous indignation may pass, to deflect them from their main purpose.

ASSEMBLY MEETS

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—Confronted with Russia's rejection of the League's appeal to submit the Soviet-Finnish conflict to negotiation under League auspices, the Assembly, at its meeting today, will decide what action to take.

The Soviet reply caused no surprise in diplomatic circles here.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—While waiting for Moscow's reply, the Committee of Fourteen completed its report on the dispute.

The report falls into three parts: the first is a historical review; the second cites the laws and treaties involved; and the third discusses the juridical conclusion to be drawn.

The Committee will meet this afternoon to decide what recommendations to add to the report.

REPORT ADOPTED

LONDON, Dec. 13 (BWS)—Press reports from Geneva state the committee of thirteen appointed by the Assembly to discuss the Finnish appeal has adopted the report and resolution recommending the expulsion of Russia from the League and assistance for Finland. The Committee's decision will have to be placed before the Assembly.

Observers in Moscow suspect that the Red Army attempted to rush the deep Finnish defences without adequate artillery preparation.

PUBLIC OPINION IN U.S. ON NEED FOR AIDING FINLAND

PEACE PROPOSALS THROUGH ITALY?

ROME, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, is to make his keenly awaited speech on foreign affairs on Saturday morning.

There is increasing speculation on the likely trend, with persistent rumours that he will indicate new peace proposals with Germany's approval.

To promote the sale of National Economy Savings Certificates, a branch promotion committee has been established at Kweiyang. The certificates are issued by the Postal Bank and are on sale at all post offices. Messrs. Wang I-ao and Wang Wei-chung, special delegates of the Postal Bank who were responsible for the organization of the promotion committee here, left for Kwangsi and Kwangtung yesterday to organize similar branch committees at the two provinces. (Central News)

The United States hopes that ways will be found to give prompt aid where it is most needed.

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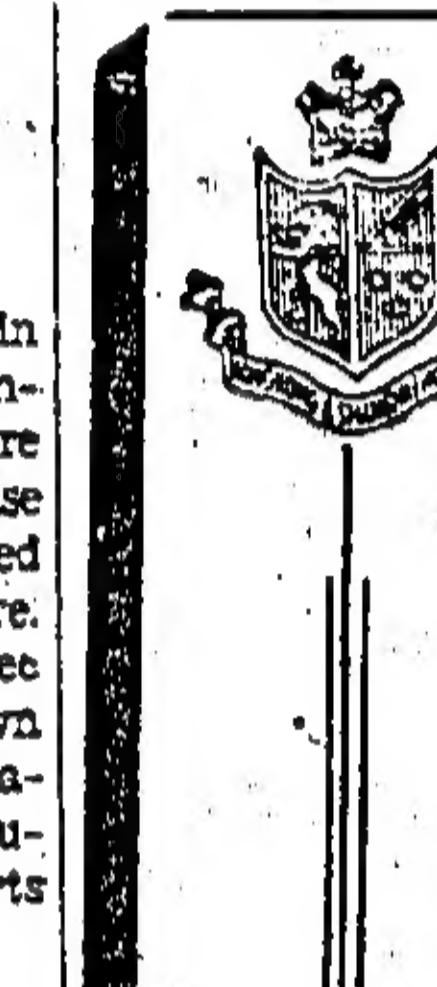
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FOOD PRICES

The prices of food have gone up three to six times and only a short while ago a loaf of bread cost eight shillings.

Curfew is at 7 p.m., after which hour only Nazi soldiers may be seen on the darkened streets.

REWARD GIVEN TO MAGISTRATE

SHIUKWAN, KWANTUNG, Dec. 13 (Central)—Gen. Li Han-yun, Chairman of the Kwantung Provincial Government, yesterday wired to Mr. Che Shu-mu, magistrate of Yaoping, East Kwantung, commanding him for capturing some 200 Japanese and puppet troops, including Lin Chi-yan, so-called chief of staff of the Japanese-sponsored "National Reconstruction Army."

A reward of \$10,000 was given to the militia under his command.

Puppet Celebrate Second Year Of N. China Slavery

PEIPING, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The second anniversary celebrations of the Peiping "Provisional Government" are scheduled to take place here tomorrow.

It is learned that three high officials of the Nanking "Reformed Government" are to fly here today to participate in the celebrations. They are Liang Hung-chih, president of the Executive Yuan of the "Reformed Government"; Chen Chun, Minister of the Interior, and Wen Tsung-yao, president of the Legislativ Yuan.

The three visitors, it is learned, are also members of the United Council of the "Provisional" and "Reformed Governments" and are coming to attend the seventh meeting to be held in Peiping on Dec. 15 and 16.

Chinese reports state that a united political council will be set up by the United Council to discuss concrete measures for the establishment of the projected Central Government.

The sources, however, do not expect anything concrete to emerge from these discussions.

It is well-known that officials of the Peiping "Provisional Government" look with disfavour on the formation of the "Central Government" owing to the fact that it would mean the transfer of political power of the North China regime to Nanking.

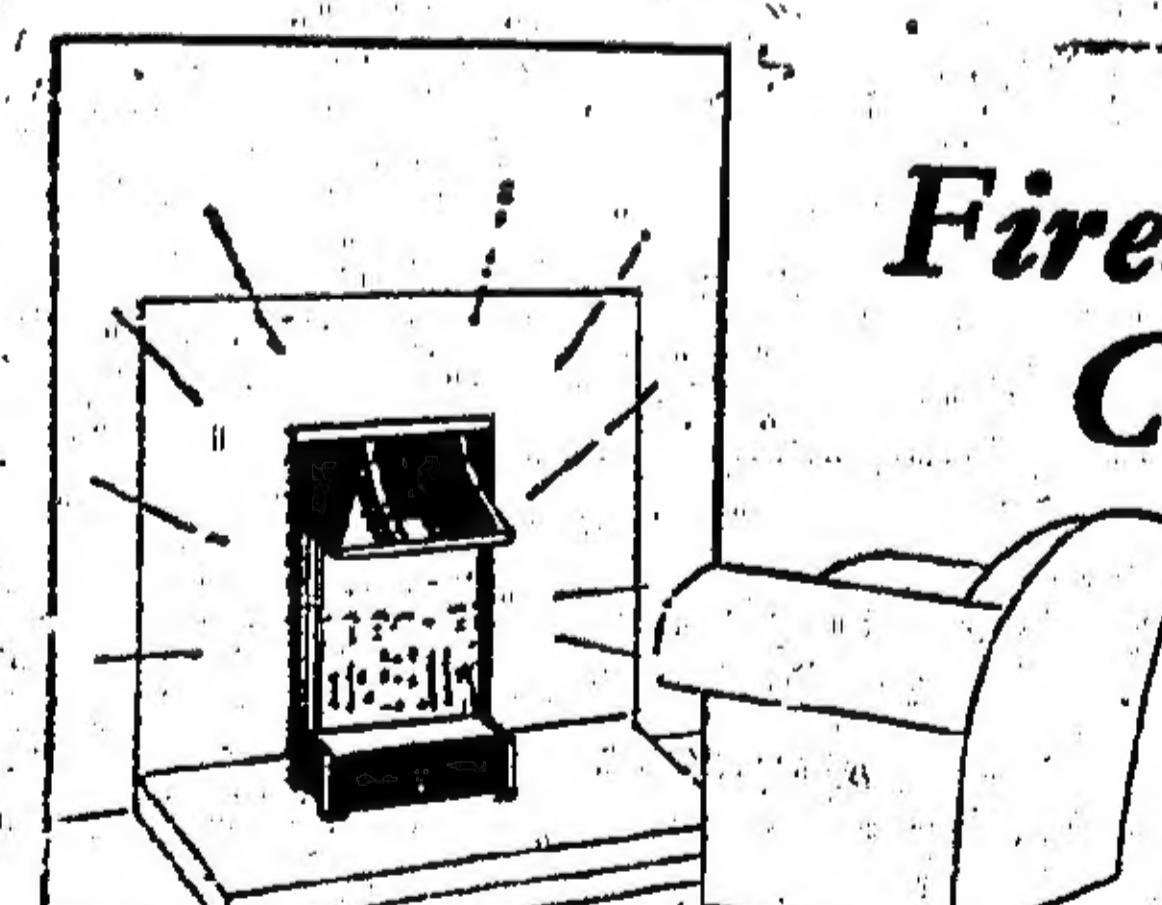
ARMY OPPOSITION

In addition, certain circles declare that there is not a little opposition from the Japanese Army in North China to the formation of a Central regime and some sections of the Army regard Wang Ching-wei as the proposed leader of the Central regime with disfavour.

In view of the obstacles, not too much importance is being attached to the forthcoming talks. They will, however, be watched with interest to see if they will bring the possibility of an early, or even the eventual formation of the "Central Government" and nearer.

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"Free China," Mr. Owen said, "has just reaped a bumper crop of rice, staple food of the people. Prices are high, but not proportionately as high as were the prices in England in 1916."

LITTLE WANT

"With the exception of the poor, who, unfortunately, are always with us, there is very little serious want. It is all too true that we have grave war-orphan and refugee problems which are making demands on all. These are daily revealing in the lives of the people vast hidden resources of heart, mind and spirit."

The speaker praised the efforts of Madame Chiang Kai-shek and her associates in caring for the war-orphans, a task "that baffles conception."

On the other hand, the presence of the vast refugee problem "indicates something of the amazing spirit of the Chinese who prefer to breathe the air of free China rather than live under the oppressive conditions of the occupied areas."

ERRONEOUS PICTURE

Mr. Owen corrected an erroneous picture painted by Japanese propaganda abroad, that the people are harried and anxious with impending bombings. "Life here is normal," he reported. "We go about our business much as we did in pre-war days. Dug-outs have become an accepted part of

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GENERAL

PROGRESS OF WAR IN THE AIR

ADVANTAGE HELD BY R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuters)—Reviewing the progress of air warfare in the House of Commons yesterday, the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, said that British fighter squadrons, regular and auxiliary, had taken a heavy toll of such enemy planes as had tried to cross our air defences and they could justifiably claim definite superiority in our aircraft over the Germans.

DECISIVE MARGIN

Our Hurricanes and Spitfires had been in contact with Dorner, Junkers and Heinkel bombers in turn and there could be no doubt that they possessed a decisive margin of advantage.

The Air Minister added that even more encouraging was the knowledge of the superiority they had shown over German fighters.

The Coastal Command had tried out attacks on submarines on fifty-seven occasions and in nineteen cases they were sure that substantial damage had been caused.

STOLE FLOWERS AT FUNERAL

"Haven't you any shame to steal at a funeral?" asked Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday of Lam Poon, 17, unemployed, who was charged with stealing a quantity of flowers and artificial leaves at a funeral procession.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

RE - ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGE

A cook boy, Hui Fuk-sing, formerly employed on board the s.s. Seistan, who charged with the murder of a coolie near the Douglas Wharf on October 30, and who was discharged by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court on Saturday, was re-arrested and appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest yesterday charged with the same crime.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor will conduct the prosecution at the re-hearing. A formal remand of the week was granted.

NEWSSETTES

Amongst the passengers who left Hongkong yesterday was Mrs. A. V. Evans.

The Secretary for Dominion Affairs, Mr. Anthony Eden, entertained Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Minister for Air in the Commonwealth Government at luncheon on Tuesday. (BWS).

At the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group on Sunday at 9 p.m. Prof. L. Foster, M.A. will speak on "Why Britain Is At War."

The Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild will hold a Jumble Sale tomorrow at 3 p.m.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 13, 1939

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4

On Shanghai:—

On demand 317

On Singapore:—

On demand 52 3/4

On Japan:—

On demand 103

On India:—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8
and demand 1/3 1/2

On New York:—

Bank Bills, on demand 24 5/16
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 15/16

On Batavia:—

On demand 45 1/4

On Paris:—

Bank Bills, on demand 1/90
Credits 4 months' sight 1/145

On Saigon:—

On demand 108 1/2

On Manila:—

On demand 48 5/8

On Bangkok:—

On demand 149 1/2

Sterling Notes:—

Bank Buying Rate 1/4

Bar Silver per oz. 23 7/18

Market Report

FROM BOZA BROS.

Silver prices rose 1/8 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23.7/16 for Ready and 23.5/8 for Forward. Silver advices reported India and Speculators as having bought. The market was steady. Later India again bought to a small extent at 1/18 over the quoted rate. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 392.5/8.

Market:

A shade steadier.

Sterling

Some business was reported at 1/3 December and also January. The market closed with sellers at 1/3 December, 1/23.1/32 January-March and 1/21.5/18 April-June, buyers at 1/3.1/32 Cash and 1/3 March.

U.S. Dollars

There were sellers at 24.1/2 Cash, 24.7/16 December, 24.1/4 January and 24.1/8 February, buyers at 24.9/16 Cash, 24.1/2 December, 24.3/8 January and 24.1/4 February.

Shanghai Dollars

At the opening there were sellers for Spot at 322. Towards the close sellers were quoted at 321 for Spot.

Shanghai Market

Sterling opened with sellers at 4.9/16. The market was a shade steadier towards the close and there were sellers at 4.41/84 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers for Spot at 7.15/32 and closed with sellers at 7.19/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 13 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/4
New York 6-7/8
Jan. 29-1/4
India 23-1/2
Paris 3.11
Hongkong 28-1/4

Sellers

Opening Closing
Spot 0/4-9/16 0/4-41/64
Dec. 0/4-9/16 0/4-41/64
Jan. 0/4-35/64 0/4-3/8

U.S. Dollars

Spot \$7-15/32 \$7-19/32
Dec. 7-7/16 7-9/18
Jan. 7-11/32 7-15/32

Market-Steady.

Merchant Rates
Sterling 0/4-19/32.
U.S. Dollars, \$7-1/2.

Silver duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d., unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 24-1/4 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 12 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 30-3/4.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 12 (Reuter).

Government 3/4 Rupee, 87-12-0 nominal.

New York Exchange

New York, Dec. 12 (Reuter).

T.T. on London (Opening Rate), 3.92-3/4.

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 12 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 168.

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COMMODITY BROKERS
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(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, December 12,

SINGAPORE RUBBER Dec. 11 Dec. 12

buyers buyers Change

S P O T 38-1/2 39-1/2 up 1 ct

JAN-MARCH 37-1/8 38-1/2 up 1-3/8

APRIL-JUNE 35 36-3/8 up 1-3/8

The market was steady but quiet.

LONDON RUBBER Dec. 11 Dec. 12

buyers buyers Change

S P O T 11-1/2 11-7/8 up 3/8

JAN-MARCH 11-9/16 12 up 7/16

APRIL-JUNE 11-7/18 11-15/16 up 1/2

The market was active and prices were higher on good outside and American buying and the reserve of sellers.

NEW YORK COTTON: The mills are reported to be nervous due to the firm attitude of growers. December position was distinctly firm under the influence of the strength of Spots and covering by the Trade and by shorts. Heavy foreign buying was reported.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Further automobile pay increases and reports that tyre-fabric mills are operating at full capacity contribute to the favourable outlook.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The undertone of the market was firm. A feature was the strength of the December position, while the strength of cash wheat was a continued stabilizing influence. Selling pressure was not great.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 147.05; Today's close, 146.93; Change, off 12.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. F. Levy & Company)

Prev. To-day's High Low Close Close Change

New York Cotton, Mar. 10.81 10.52 10.45 10.77 .32 up

New York Rubber, Mar. 19.49 19.30 19.07 19.41b .34 up

Chicago Wheat, May 954 944 944 .95 up

Chicago Corn, May 554 544 554 .551 off

New York, Hides, Mar. 15.33 15.04 15.01 15.29 .28 up

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change

December 10.75/77 10.85/84 11.08/99 .33 up

January 10.69/89 10.82/82 11.05/95 .36 up

March 10.45/48 10.58/54 10.77/81 .32 up

May 10.10/14 10.15/16 10.48/47 .30 up

July 9.75/76 9.85/86 10.05/10 .30 up

July (New contract) 9.95/95 10.09/08 10.29 N .34 up

October () 9.26/30 9.39/38 9.58/58 .32 up

December () unquoted unquoted

Spot 10.85 N 11.21 N .36 up

Volume (In contract of 100 bales each) 117,600 229,500 bales

Note: December cotton, last notice day:—15/12/39.

Total sales for the day:—2,190 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Monday's sales:—35,315,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

December 53/53 53/53 unch.

May 55/55 55/55 55/55 1 off

July 55/55 54/54 54/54 unch.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

December 79/79 80/80 80/80 1 up

May 83 1/2 A 84/85 1 up

July 84 1/2 86/88 1 up

NEW YORK HIDES

March 15.01/02 15.04/07 15.29/29 .28 up

June 15.31/32 15.36/36 15.58/59 .27 up

New York, Official 34-3/4 34-3/4

NY-London Cross Rate 3.93-1/4 3.92 5/8

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Tientsin-Pukow, Rly. 5% (Ger. Std. Supl. Loan) 14

Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907 48

Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924 56

Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 5

Chartered Bank 8

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 82

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.) 85

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 17

Chosen Corporation 6/6

Pekin Syndicate 13

S'hai Elec. Constr. Co. 13

S'hai Waterworks "A" 12

Union Insurance 23

Gula Kalumpong Rubber 21/3

Allied Ironfounders 15/3

Asso. & Elec. Industries 39/3

Austin Motors, ord. 17/9

Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord. 574

B.A. Tob. (bearer) 89/41

Mercantile Bank 118

Cammell Laird, ord. 6/6

Mexican Eagle 6/74

Courtaulds 35/9

Distillers 63/9

Dunlop Rubber 28

Gen. Electric (England) 75/3

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QUOTATION

DEC. 13, 1939

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Dec. 12 Dec. 12

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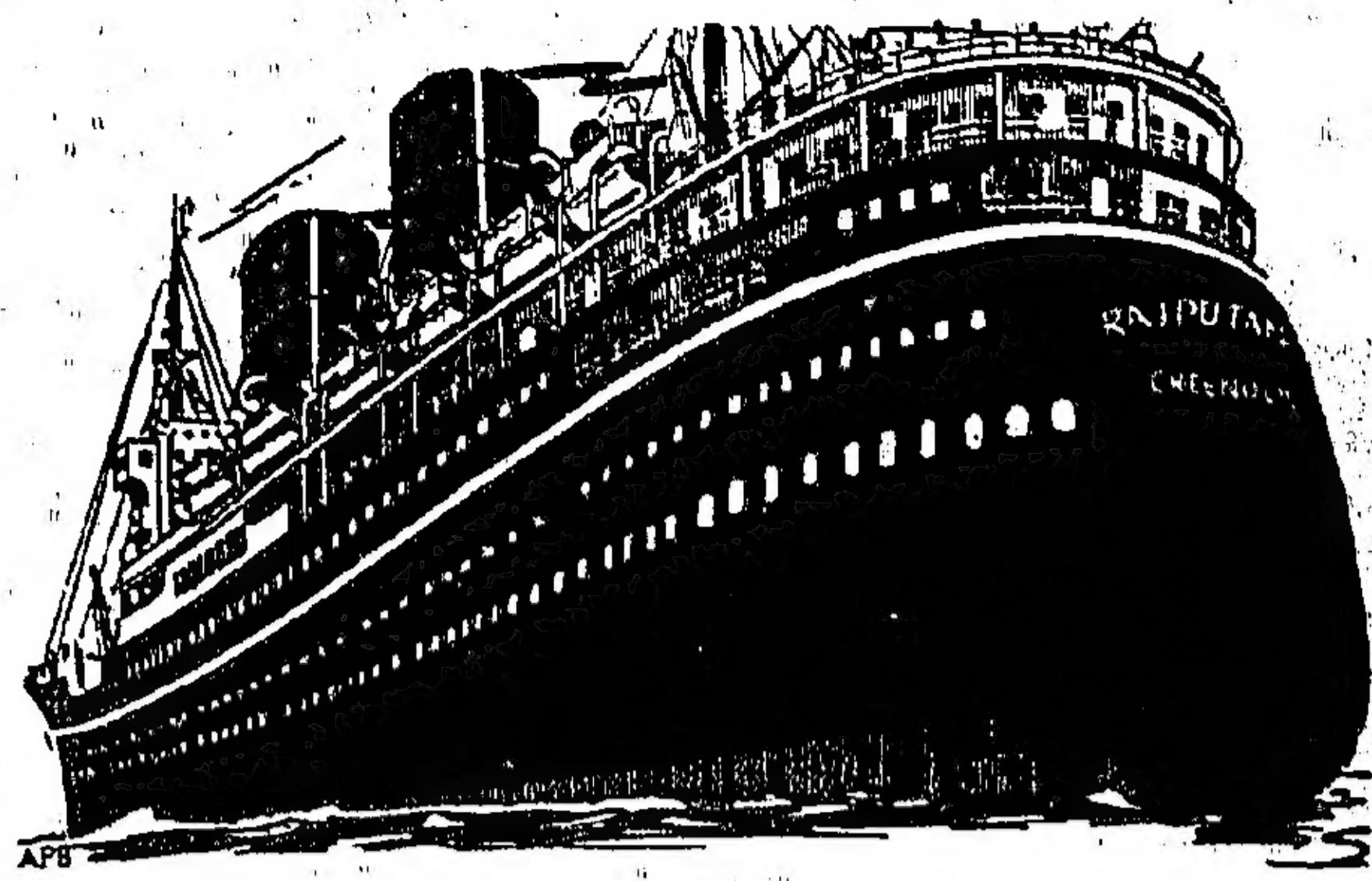
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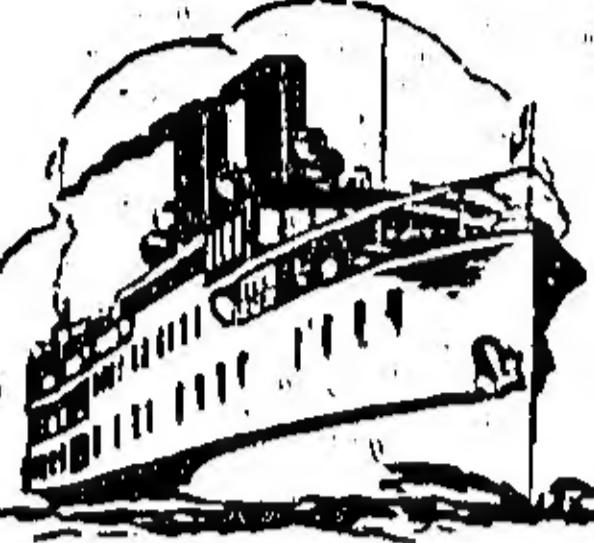
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SOCER REVIEW

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Incidentally the goal was scored by Hau Ching-to who had netted Eastern's winning goal in their two previous matches.

Notwithstanding the superiority of the "Diehards" the game was quite interesting especially in the opening stages when play was more even. Middlesex seem to be still in their "unlucky spell" and, with better luck might have won, the equaliser being scored very much against the run of play.

The forwards played a good and constructive game and were always a treat to watch when in motion. Pearson, Tait and Saw formed an admirable inside trio. Pearson, especially was in fine fettle, his head work being very pretty to watch.

Of the Eastern team one player alone stood out above the rest, the centre-half, Hsu King sing. A tireless worker he was constantly on the move breaking up numerous dangerous Middlesex movements.

The forwards were again disappointing and even Hau Ching-to was not so much in the picture due to the fine work of Freshwater on the right-half.

NEW CENTRE FORWARD

KOWLOON introduced a new centre forward in their game against ST. JOSEPH'S. Taylor was not a great success as a leader and more often than not hampered rather than helped in an attacking movement.

Bell was the best of the forwards and gave a good display. Playing in a new position, at outside left, he showed promise of developing into a good winger. Williamson, back at the pivotal berth, quickly jumped into his old form and showed that as a defensive half-back he is second to none in local soccer at the present moment.

The Saints, though the losers, combined better as a team but lacked finishing power. This might had been brought about by Leonard having an "off-day." He was slow and failed to seize the opportunity created by Pereira.

Honniball was the best of another disjointed half-back line while Sammy Tsang, in goal, was not as safe as in previous games.

POLICE FOOTBALL CLUB

POLICE, as expected, defeated CLUB by three goals to two. Police played the better game and penned Club in their own half for the greater part of the game.

The Police forward line showed fine understanding and played their best game to date in the League. Odell was again prominent in goal and showed that, with more experience, he should develop into a first class goalkeeper.

INTERESTING GAME

On Sunday, at Causeway Bay, SOUTH CHINA "B" defeated the ROYAL NAVY by three goals to one in a game that at one time threatened to become another rough match. The players, however, later settled down to more steady football resulting in an interesting game being seen.

Owing to injuries and players having left the Colony the Senior Service was forced to make four changes in their line-up. Kellow and Wootten deputising for Honeywell and Middleton at left-back and left-wing, respectively. The former was injured in a previous match and the latter has left the Colony. O'Regan played centre-half and Hazzard centre-forward. Despite the changes, Navy played an improved game and were rather

NO, NO, NANETTE AT QUEEN'S THEATRE

Philharmonic Society's Unqualified Success

No, No, Nanette, that scintillating, sparkling musical comedy that was the rage of London during its record-breaking run at the Palace Theatre in 1925 proved an unqualified success when produced at the Queen's Theatre last night by the Hongkong Philharmonic Society in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

Judging by the reception accorded the opening performance yesterday there is very promise that the delightful play with its fascinating musical numbers, intriguing dances executed by lovely girls and abundance of wit and humour, will continue to draw crowded house nightly throughout its short run which terminates on Saturday.

Jean Grieg and Harry Cockie were the moving spirits of the whole show and made things go off "with a bang." They were ably supported by the rest of the cast among whom special mention should be

TESTING EGYPT'S DEFENCES

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—British and Egyptian land, sea and air forces are now engaged side by side in combined exercises for testing Egypt's defences.

A test black-out was held on Monday night over the whole of Lower Egypt and the Canal Zone, where the exercises are taking place.

U.S. SUBMARINE DEFECTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The United States submarine, Sea Dragon, sister ship of the ill-fated Squalus, has had to put back to her base with her electrical equipment partly flooded, due to circumstances apparently similar to the cause of the Squalus disaster.

"Nothing could be more foolish than to underestimate the task Britain has undertaken," declared Mr. Anthony Eden, addressing the Canadian Club luncheon in London. He added: "I don't believe that at any time in history we have had more serious difficulties to overcome, but if that is true, it is no less true that in the unity of the nations of the British Commonwealth is the final guarantee of victory." (Reuter).

unlucky on several occasions in not scoring. After O'Regan was transferred back to the leader's berth the forwards were seen in better combinative movements but the breaking up of the Thorburn-Middleton left flank robbed it of much of its effectiveness.

South China "B" were not so impressive. Cheung Wing-chol kept goal brilliantly though he was hard pressed in the closing minutes.

Young Shui-yick, Lam Tak-po and Chan Tak-fai were the best among the forwards.

HOW GIANT NAZI LINER BREMEN ESCAPED FROM BRITISH SUBMARINE

INTERNATIONAL LAW RESPECTED

BERLIN, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—It was announced yesterday that the Nazi liner, Bremen, safely reached a German port.

LINER SIGHTED

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announced yesterday afternoon that British respect for international law saved the giant German liner Bremen.

The Bremen, it will be recalled, left New York three days before war was declared and managed to get safely through to the Soviet Arctic port of Murmansk, since when nothing had been heard of her.

Yesterday, however, the Admiralty announced that a British submarine had sighted her homeward bound. The Bremen passed within torpedo range, but the submarine was prevented by inter-

national law from torpedoing her without warning.

The Bremen, it learned, was sighted yesterday morning.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

International law forbids the sinking of merchant ships unless all the people on board can first be placed in a place of safety and open boats in an open sea are not places of safety. The submarine obviously could not take all those in the Bremen on board. It also could not capture the Bremen which has a far higher turn of speed.

SWEDISH SHIP SINKS

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The 1,400-ton Swedish ship Tornio struck a mine in Swedish territorial waters and sank. All those on board have been rescued.

NORTH SEA SINKING

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The motor vessel King Egbert was sunk in the North Sea after an explosion early yesterday. One member of the crew believed to have been drowned, but the remaining thirty-two members and the pilot took to the boats and were picked up by a neutral ship, which later transferred them to an east coast lifeboat.

Though S. H. Ling is the only half-back returning, the crop of newcomers includes Walter Abraham, a half-back with a reputation in State hockey in Malaya, S. Mahmood, R. M. Soares, P. K. Hui and M. S. Lim.

Hans Raj, the University Hockey captain, will lead the attack, while available from last year will be K. S. Oh and L. H. Tan. There are also two newcomers who will be serious contenders for places on the forward line—L. G. Gosano and V. Lingam.

The Royal Engineers, who at present are in the lead and will certainly finish in the top half of the League Table, we learn, are making every endeavour to play off as many games as possible before the New Year. The Sappers fear that transfers after Christmas may take a heavy toll of their better players, and it would be a sporting gesture for teams who have not yet played them to arrange for Tournament fixtures as early as possible.

Another Hockey League has been started among the Small Units and it is to be known as the Small Units League. Participating teams are the R.A.C., R.A.O.C., R.A.M.C., the Royal Corps of Signals, the 24th Fortress Royal Engineers, and the 40th Fortress Co., R.E. after.

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Straits

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